



## **Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Three**

**Subgrantee: Clark County School District**

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### **Western High School Abstract**

Western High School, in its forty-second year of operation, serves 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade with a student population of 2,180. Located in West Las Vegas, the community is largely lower middle class or economically disadvantaged. The student transiency rate approaches fifty percent. The school's ethnic ratio is 38% Hispanic; 30% Caucasian; 26% African American; 5% Asian/Pacific Islander; and 1% Native American. The special education population is 14%.

For the 2004 school year, Western High School's GEAR UP Grant will address student achievement, career development, and parent involvement. These three major areas will help our students gain the skills and knowledge necessary to become career wise, college bound, and involve their family in the decision making process. Our program is meant to encourage our GEAR UP scholars to graduate from high school with at least a 2.0 GPA and to participate in higher education.

Various academic support programs will be utilized during the 2004 school year in an effort to keep our GEAR UP scholars on track for graduation, decrease chances of dropping out, and prepare them for the future. Western High School offers remedial after school classes for all students through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant. During the 2004 school year tutoring will be available to our GEAR UP scholars through the National Honors Society (NHS), and each scholar will have a teacher mentor on campus.

Incentives will also be available to our GEAR UP scholars to include career/college events, parent nights, special assemblies, and luncheons that recognize significant academic achievement. College and career planning experiences will be available to our GEAR UP scholars. All scholars will participate in field trips to local colleges. Presentations will be made regarding career certificate and college track programs offered through Western, CCSD, CCSN, and the University of Nevada system. Each GEAR-UP scholar will discuss future plans with their counselor who will then offer suggestions related to career or college choices.

Parents will be encouraged to participate in their child's college planning. Three parent nights will provide information on the GEAR UP Program and scholarship, motivational speakers, and college information.